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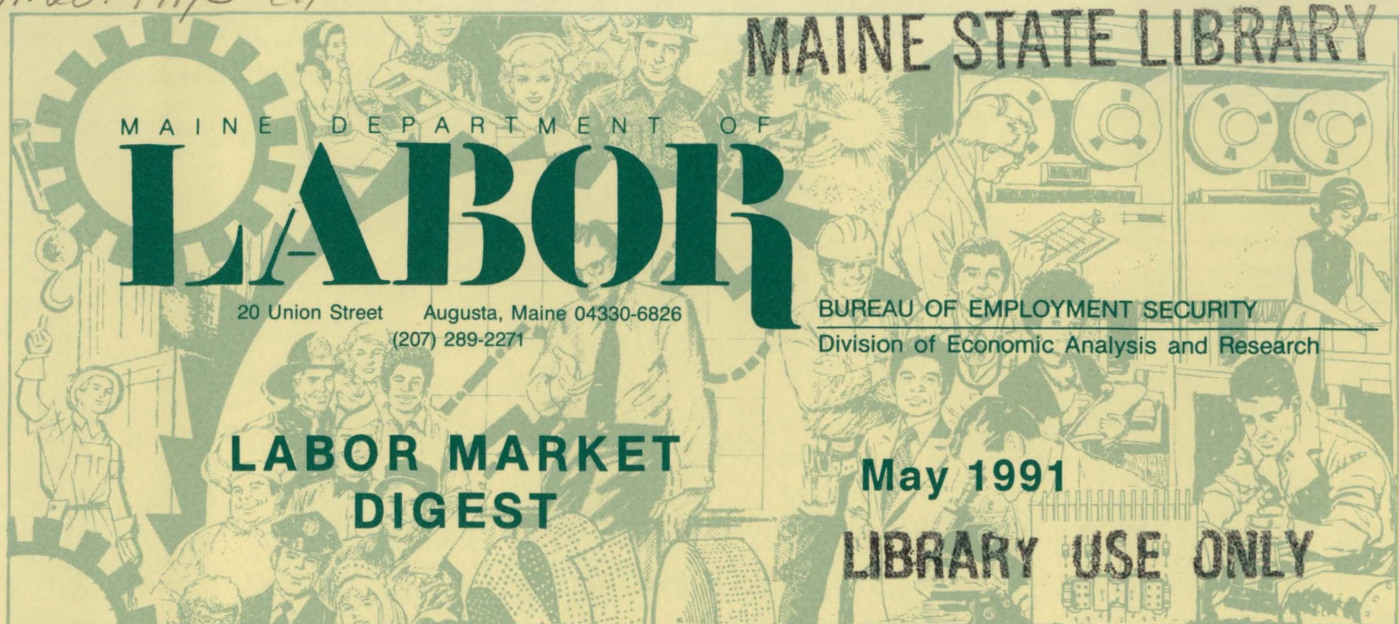
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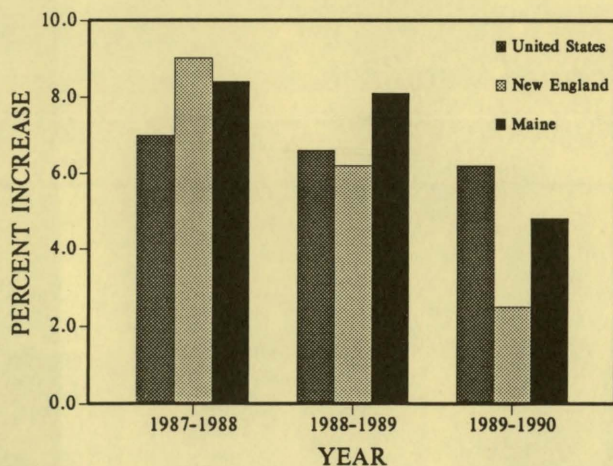
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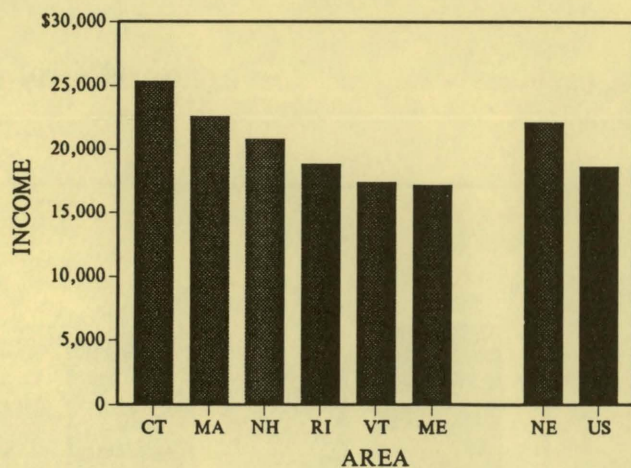
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Per Capita Personal Income Growth Slows in 1990

Growth Rate



1990 Income

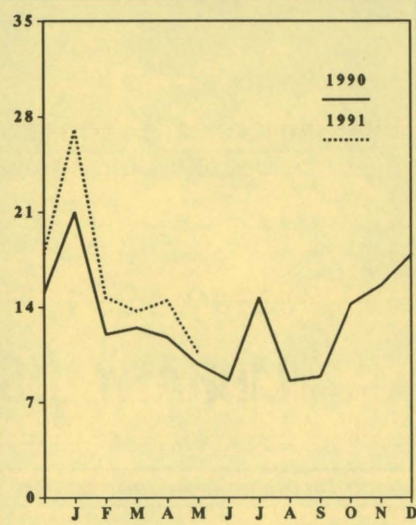
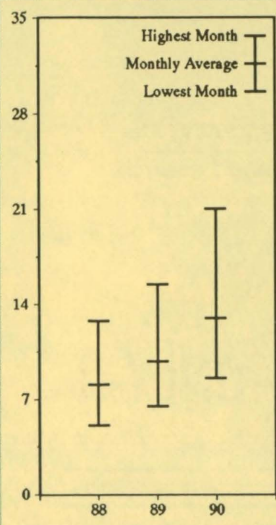


As a result of the economic slowdown, per capita income growth decelerated rapidly between 1987 and 1990 in New England. The rate of income growth also slowed in Maine during this time period, although not as quickly, going from 8.4 percent in 1987-1988 to 4.8 percent in 1989-1990. Of the New England states, the growth rate of 4.8 percent between 1989 and 1990 registered by Maine was second to Vermont at 5.7 percent.

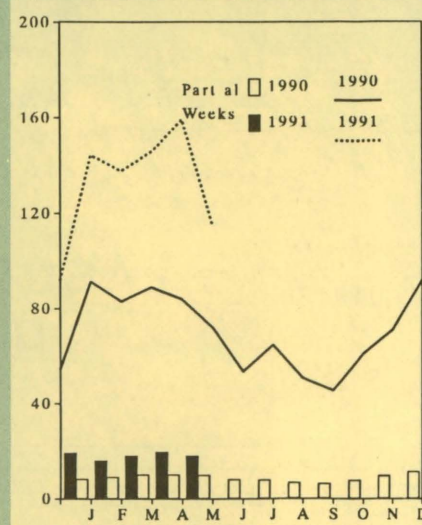
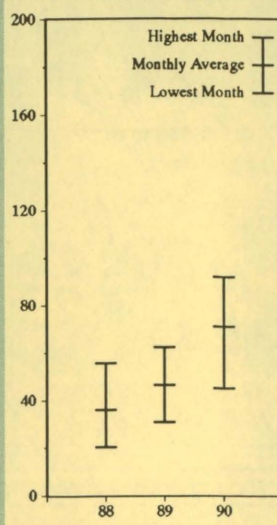
Although Maine recorded the lowest per capita income in New England during 1990 at \$17,200, Maine income has risen from 83 percent of the national income in 1980 to 92 percent of the 1990 national estimate of \$18,685. Maine per capita income as a percent of national income reached a peak of 93 percent in 1989 before falling slightly in 1990. This fall resulted from national per capita income growing faster than income in Maine during 1990.



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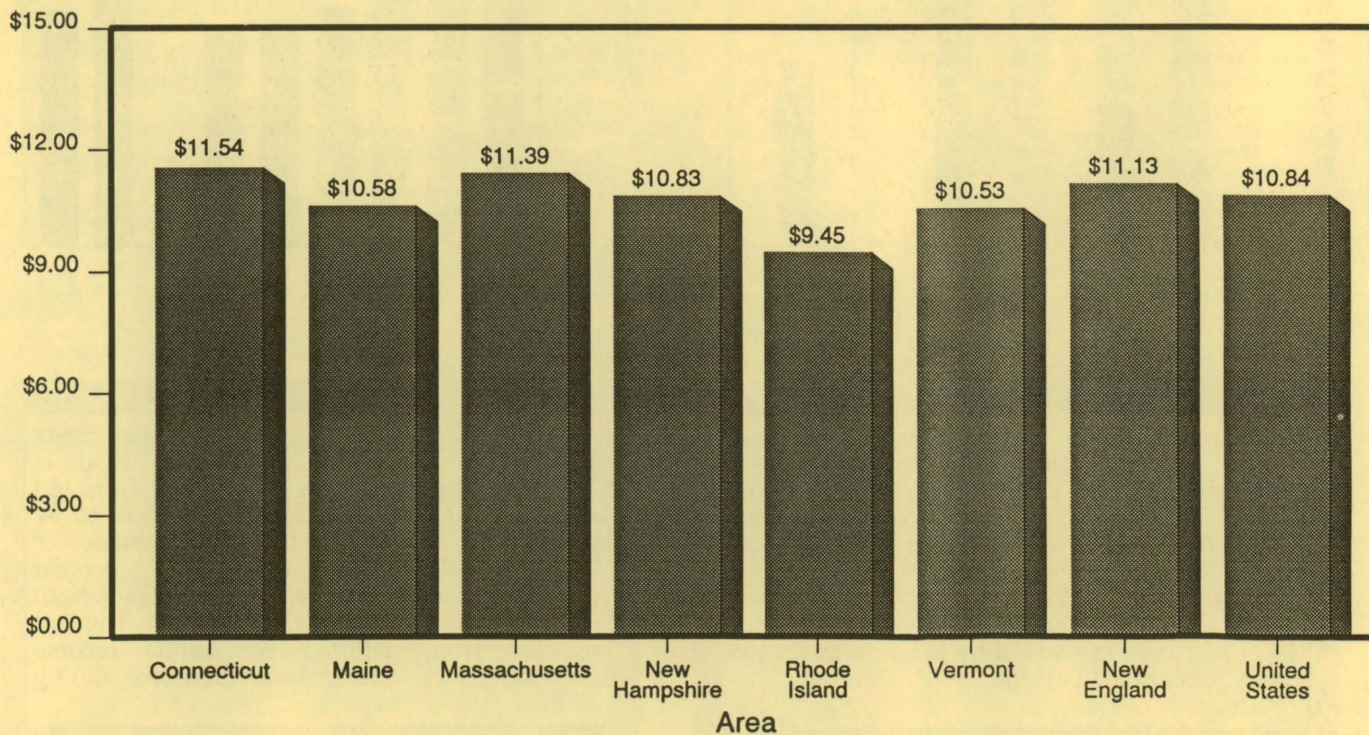


UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



Hourly Earnings

Average Hourly Earnings of Manufacturing Production Workers, 1990





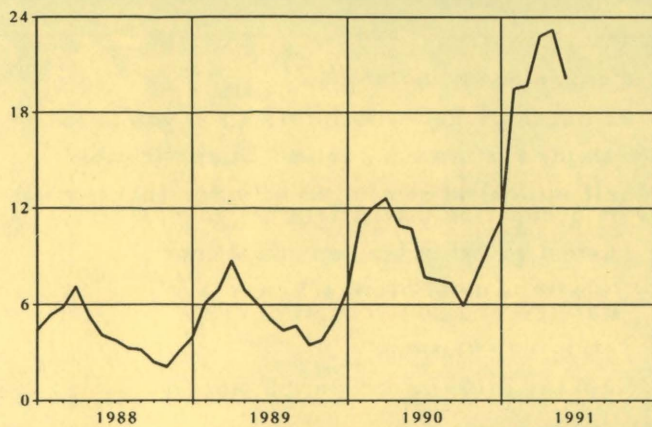
Selected Employment Security Activities



Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

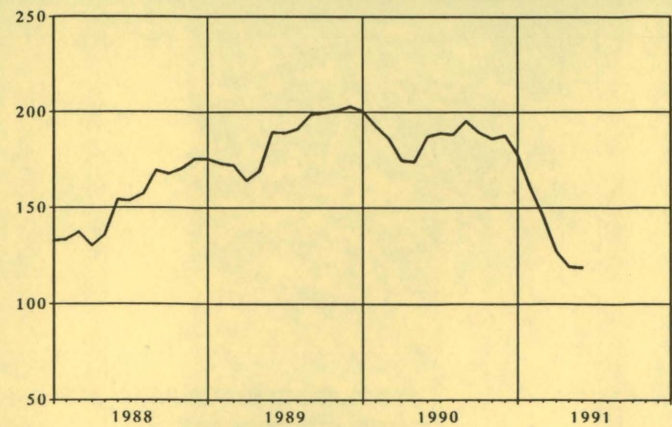
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing-----	\$436.55	\$433.32	\$420.65	39.4	39.5	40.1	\$11.08	\$10.97	\$10.49	\$9.31	\$9.89	\$10.58
Durable Goods-----	422.65	425.72	401.39	40.1	40.2	39.9	10.54	10.59	10.06	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products-----	362.20	359.51	366.06	41.3	40.9	40.9	8.77	8.79	8.95	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals-----	417.54	420.58	400.19	41.3	41.6	41.6	10.11	10.11	9.62	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment-----	522.52	533.66	480.80	42.9	43.6	41.7	12.18	12.24	11.53	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment--	378.48	376.84	350.04	38.0	37.2	36.5	9.96	10.13	9.59	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment-----	489.53	495.16	459.69	39.1	39.9	39.8	12.52	12.41	11.55	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods-----	350.24	344.73	331.66	41.4	40.7	41.2	8.46	8.47	8.05	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods-----	447.36	439.96	437.26	38.8	38.9	40.3	11.53	11.31	10.85	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products-----	335.96	311.87	318.32	37.0	35.4	36.8	9.08	8.81	8.65	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products-----	341.25	344.74	339.30	38.3	39.9	39.0	8.91	8.64	8.70	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products-----	253.51	242.31	280.12	33.4	32.7	37.2	7.59	7.41	7.53	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products-----	662.69	654.80	680.33	41.6	42.3	44.7	15.93	15.48	15.22	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products-----	289.38	287.12	277.51	37.1	37.0	37.2	7.80	7.76	7.46	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods-----	374.45	376.00	379.89	37.9	37.6	40.5	9.88	10.00	9.38	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing-----	384.28	389.24	407.01	37.2	37.0	38.8	10.33	10.52	10.49	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing-----	355.85	361.90	364.57	38.1	38.5	38.6	9.34	9.40	9.16	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

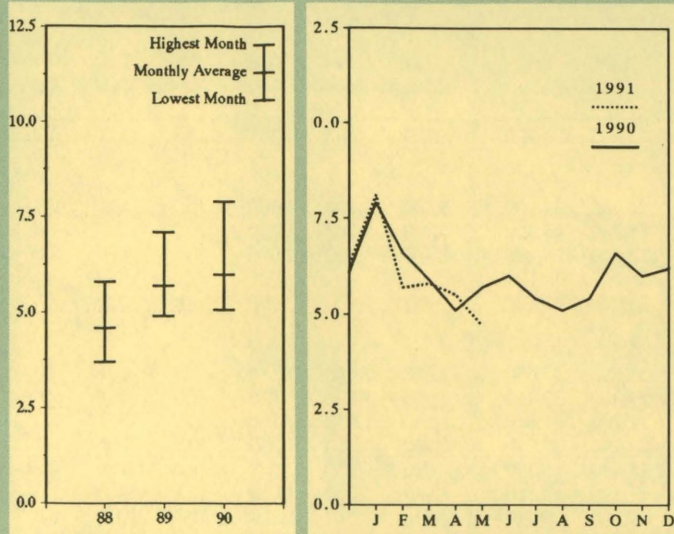
ITEM ^{1/}	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	293.7	297.7	285.5
Unemployment (Percent)	21.4	17.0	8.6
Resident Employed	272.3	280.8	276.8

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	135.6	135.2	129.2	133.8
Percent Change for Past Month			+0.3%	
Percent Change from Last December			+1.3%	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+5.0%	

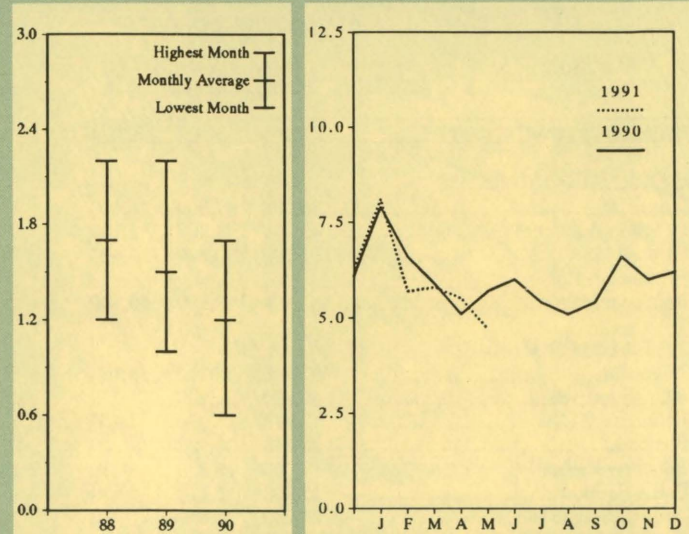
^{1/} Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/-----	515.3	506.7	540.9	124.2	122.5	130.9	38.4	38.0	40.3
Goods Producing-----	119.1	117.3	132.4	21.1	20.9	23.6	10.0	9.8	11.1
Construction and Mining-----	24.2	22.8	30.5	5.4	5.0	6.8	1.7	1.7	2.0
Building Construction-----	7.4	7.1	9.7	1.1	1.2	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors-----	12.8	12.4	15.7	3.9	3.5	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing-----	94.9	94.5	101.9	15.7	15.9	16.8	8.3	8.1	9.1
Durable Goods-----	42.8	43.2	47.1	7.0	7.2	8.2	2.3	2.1	2.3
Lumber and Wood Products-----	9.4	9.5	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals-----	3.1	3.2	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment-----	4.4	4.5	4.8	1.6	1.6	2.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment-----	7.5	7.4	8.3	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment-----	14.1	14.5	15.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/-----	4.3	4.1	4.9	2.8	3.0	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods-----	52.1	51.3	54.8	8.7	8.7	8.6	6.0	6.0	6.8
Food and Kindred Products-----	6.3	6.4	6.8	2.3	2.3	2.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products-----	5.5	5.2	5.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products-----	2.6	2.5	3.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products-----	17.7	17.4	17.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing-----	5.5	5.4	5.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products-----	3.4	3.4	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.1	1.7
Leather and Leather Products-----	9.7	9.8	10.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)-----	8.1	8.2	9.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/-----	1.4	1.2	1.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.1	3.3
Service Producing-----	396.2	389.4	408.5	103.1	101.6	107.3	28.4	28.2	29.2
Transportation and Public Utilities-----	21.4	21.5	22.1	7.1	7.0	6.4	1.3	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade-----	23.9	23.7	25.2	8.9	9.0	9.5	2.1	2.1	2.2
Retail Trade-----	103.1	98.2	108.7	27.3	26.4	28.1	7.8	7.7	7.9
Food Stores-----	19.0	18.6	19.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places-----	33.6	29.4	35.4	8.7	7.9	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate-----	25.1	24.7	25.1	12.4	12.3	12.0	2.2	2.1	2.3
Banking-----	10.0	10.0	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents-----	10.8	10.8	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services-----	127.7	125.9	128.1	31.5	31.2	34.3	10.7	10.7	11.0
Hotels and Other Lodging Places-----	8.3	6.9	9.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services-----	15.1	14.4	14.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services-----	45.3	45.1	44.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government-----	17.8	17.8	20.3	1.9	1.9	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/-----	77.2	77.6	79.0	14.0	13.8	14.1	4.0	4.0	4.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes-----	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE (000).....	638.3	638.8	631.4	585.4	584.5	604.9	52.9	54.3	26.5	8.3	8.5	4.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	46,900	47,900	46,400	43,900	44,700	44,900	3,000	3,200	1,400	6.5	6.6	3.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA.....	43,400	43,300	42,700	38,700	38,700	40,300	4,700	4,500	2,400	10.9	10.5	5.6
Portland MSA.....	131,100	130,800	133,400	123,000	122,800	129,600	8,100	8,000	3,900	6.2	6.1	2.9
Portland-Dover Rochester MSA.....	n/a	142,600	140,800	n/a	135,000	135,400	n/a	7,600	5,400	n/a	5.3	3.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta.....	37,460	37,310	38,190	34,940	34,830	37,050	2,510	2,480	1,150	6.7	6.6	3.0
Bath-Brunswick.....	30,700	31,230	31,570	28,820	29,390	30,750	1,890	1,850	820	6.1	5.9	2.6
Belfast.....	12,920	12,920	12,400	11,410	11,240	11,640	1,510	1,680	770	11.7	13.0	6.2
Biddeford.....	28,810	28,900	29,180	25,910	26,190	27,940	2,900	2,710	1,240	10.1	9.4	4.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset.....	17,000	16,360	16,430	16,250	15,480	16,100	750	880	330	4.4	5.4	2.0
Calais-Eastport.....	15,300	15,470	14,810	13,370	13,190	13,580	1,940	2,280	1,230	12.6	14.7	8.3
Caribou-Presque Isle.....	23,230	22,680	21,340	20,700	20,360	20,140	2,530	2,320	1,200	10.9	10.2	5.6
Central Penobscot.....	3,240	3,160	3,090	2,930	2,780	2,930	310	380	150	9.6	11.9	4.9
Dover-Foxcroft.....	7,400	7,430	7,050	6,640	6,620	6,590	760	820	460	10.3	11.0	6.5
Ellsworth.....	26,630	26,450	25,860	24,770	24,130	24,800	1,860	2,320	1,060	7.0	8.8	4.1
Farmington.....	13,480	13,950	13,290	12,070	12,490	12,420	1,410	1,460	870	10.5	10.5	6.6
Fort Kent-Allagash.....	5,420	5,420	5,120	4,660	4,660	4,640	760	760	480	14.0	14.1	9.4
Greenville.....	1,300	1,250	1,280	1,160	1,060	1,160	140	190	120	10.8	15.1	9.5
Houlton.....	6,830	6,840	6,610	6,270	6,280	6,270	550	560	350	8.1	8.2	5.2
Kittery-York 3/.....	29,950	30,080	30,180	28,900	28,760	29,630	1,050	1,320	560	3.5	4.4	1.8
Lincoln-Howland.....	5,680	5,630	5,410	4,910	4,840	5,050	770	790	360	13.6	14.1	6.6
Livemore Falls.....	5,210	5,220	4,890	4,670	4,630	4,610	540	590	270	10.4	11.2	5.6
Madawaska-Van Buren.....	4,210	4,240	4,020	3,800	3,750	3,720	420	490	300	9.8	11.6	7.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket.....	4,490	4,500	4,230	3,990	3,960	4,020	500	540	220	11.1	11.9	5.1
Norway-Paris.....	11,970	12,080	11,720	10,450	10,490	10,940	1,530	1,590	770	12.7	13.1	6.6
Patten-Island Falls.....	2,610	2,580	2,460	2,190	2,110	2,230	420	470	230	16.0	18.1	9.4
Rockland.....	19,930	19,680	19,870	18,330	17,990	18,900	1,600	1,700	970	8.0	8.6	4.9
Rumford.....	9,000	9,170	8,960	7,940	8,100	8,260	1,060	1,080	700	11.8	11.7	7.8
Sanford.....	17,010	17,220	16,700	15,230	15,490	15,830	1,780	1,730	870	10.5	10.0	5.2
Sebago Lakes Region.....	13,470	13,340	13,190	12,300	12,210	12,650	1,170	1,130	540	8.7	8.5	4.1
Skowhegan.....	24,840	24,750	23,700	21,990	21,830	22,320	2,840	2,920	1,380	11.5	11.8	5.8
Southwest Penobscot.....	11,800	11,950	10,950	10,280	10,400	10,320	1,520	1,550	630	12.9	13.0	5.7
Waterville.....	27,070	27,030	26,460	25,020	25,000	25,630	2,050	2,030	830	7.6	7.5	3.1
OTHER												
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut.....	n/a	1,698.4	1,801.8	n/a	1,606.6	1,710.1	n/a	91.8	91.7	n/a	5.4	5.1
Massachusetts.....	3,124.0	3,111.4	3,190.4	2,836.0	2,851.8	3,027.5	288.0	259.6	163.0	9.2	8.3	5.1
New Hampshire.....	n/a	633.0	629.2	n/a	587.8	592.6	n/a	45.2	36.6	n/a	7.1	5.8
Rhode Island.....	513.0	512.9	519.6	472.1	470.9	481.4	40.9	42.0	38.2	8.0	8.2	7.3
Vermont.....	300.5	301.6	311.4	279.5	279.5	298.1	21.0	22.1	13.3	7.0	7.3	4.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)----	n/a	6,896.1	7,083.8	n/a	6,381.1	6,714.6	n/a	515.0	369.3	n/a	7.5	5.2
UNITED STATES (000)-----	124,857	124,727	124,640	116,624	116,678	118,277	8,233	8,049	6,363	6.6	6.5	5.1

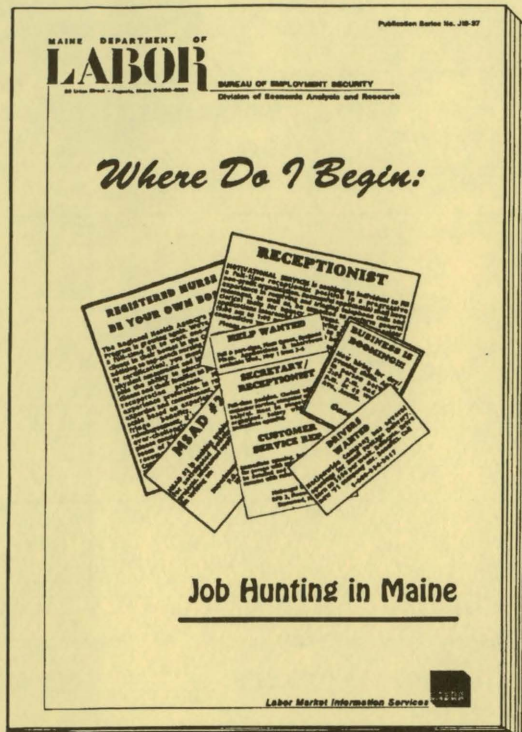
Footnotes

- 1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
- 2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
- 3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
- Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	21,974	29,617	13,179	3,736	4,550	1,974	2,027	2,533	1,275

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.



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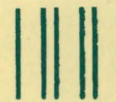
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